

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-12, 14, 15, and 17-20 are pending. Claims 3, 7, and 13 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. Claims 1, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 20 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants believe the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 5 and 14. Claim 6 depends from claim 5. Claim 15 depends from claim 14. Thus, claims 6 and 15 are allowable.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 3, 8-10, 13, and 17-19 if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of original claim 3. Thus, claim 1, and claims 2 and 4 depending therefrom, are allowable.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 9 and 10 depend from claim 8. Thus, claims 8-10 are allowable.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the features of original claim 13. Therefore, claim 11 and claim 12 depending therefrom are allowable.

Claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 17 and claims 18-20 depending therefrom are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,


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